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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kenji KUBOMURA et al.**

Art Unit: 1794

Application Number: **10/594,238**

Examiner: **Vera Katz**

Filed: **July 2, 2007**

Confirmation Number: **7370**

For: **IRON OXIDE WHISKER OF HIGH ASPECT RATIO, TITANIUM
OXIDE WHISKER OF HIGH ASPECT RATIO, STRUCTURE
CONTAINING THESE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THEM**

Attorney Docket Number: **062907**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 6, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2009.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-8) and Group II, (Claims 9-10).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-8) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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